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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: Ellen Filvaroff, <i>et al.</i>               | Group Art Unit: 1646                                 |
| Serial No.: 10/617,573   | Examiner: Dong Jiang                                 |
| Filed: July 11, 2003   | Confirmation No.: 8245                               |
| For: IL-17 Homologous Polypeptides and<br>Therapeutic Uses Thereof | Attorney Reference No.: 22338-00444<br>P1381R1C1P4C1 |

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**Mail Stop AF**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

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Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action mailed on May 15, 2007. Enclosed herewith is a request for a one month extension of time until September 15, 2007. Since September 15 is a Saturday, the deadline is the next business day, or Monday, September 17, 2007. This response is timely filed on September 17, 2007.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 5.

Reconsideration of the rejections in light of the amendments and remarks herein is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the one-month extension of time fee of \$120.00, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1), and any others fees that may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-1260.